(iv) time gap in finalisation of the strategy for post PDP activities in consultation with all concerned agencies/establishments and the user;

Laser Range Finder for Artillery OP

(i) difficulty in import of certain components; and

(ii) change in system specification.

Laser Guidance Technology

(i) enhancement of scope of work in terms of system specification; and

(ii) Unforeseen problems in R&D work.

There has been no significant effect on our defence preparedness as these systems were proposed to meet futuristic defence requirments and Services had other options to meet operational requirements.

Co-ordination between DRDO and Armed Forces

3173. SARDAR JAGJIT SINGH AURORA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to an article which appeared in the Free Press Journal dated the 4th August, 1990 under the caption "Defence R and D entangled in bureaucratic Red Tape".

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that the desired level of coordination and dialogue between the DRDO and the Armed Forces, is lacking, with the result that the weapons/systems developed do not come up to the requirements/standards laid down by the Defence Forces;

(c) whether it is a fact that the system of bureaucratic rules and procedures which the DRDO follows contribute to delays as well as decision avoiding;

(d) whether the financial and accounting procedures followed by DRDO are dilatory, time-consuming and the initiative of the scientific talent employed in DRDO; and

(e) if so, what steps have been taken to improve the working of DRDO and its present administrative and financial systems to provide for a more realistic assessment of needs of development to frame time for development of various armaments and to provide greater flexibility to the system for faster decision making?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAZA RAMANNA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) The financial and accounting procedures followed by DRDO facilitate timely decisions and efficient working. Required authority and financial powers have been delegated to various laboratories and work centres. For major development projects innovative management structures have been evolved and implemented to cut down decisional delays, promote participative decision making and to encourage closer interaction betwween development agency, user Service and the production agency. The delegation of powers, procurement and financial procedures, and project sanctioning mechanisms are reviewed from time to time as an ongoing continuous process.

सेवा निवृत्त रक्षा कार्मिकों के लिए रोजगार का आरक्षण

3174. श्री रामजेठमलानी : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि रक्षा सैनिकों के विभिन्न पक्षों से लगभग, 47,000 व्यक्ति सेवा निवृत्त होते हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह भी सच है कि सरकार ने उनके फिर से रोजगार के लिए कुछ आरक्षण का प्रावधान किया ई ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार प्रति वर्ष इस आरक्षण व्यावस्था के अधीन